

Ripley's brigade had united with Walker's and fallen back with it behind the ridge to the left of this road and near to it. We had now lost all the ground wrested from the enemy, and were occupying the position held in the morning. But three of my brigades had been broken and demoralized, and all of the artillery had been withdrawn from my front. Rodas and Anderson were in the old road, and some stragglers had been gathered up and placed upon their left. It was now apparent that the yankees were massing in our front, and that their grand attack would be made upon my position, which was the centre of our line. I sent several urgent messages to Gen. Lee for reinforcements, but before any arrived, a heavy force (since ascertained to be Franklin's corps,) advanced in three parallel lines with all the precision of a parade day, upon my two brigades. They met with a galling fire, however, recoiled and fell back, again advanced and again fell back, and finally lay down behind the crest of the hill, and kept up an irregular fire. I got a battery in position which partially enfiladed the yankee line, and aided materially to check its advance.— This battery was brought up by my aid, Lieut. J. A. Reid, who received a painful wound in the discharge of that duty. In the meantime, Gen. R. H. Anderson reported to me with some three or four thousand men as reinforcements to my command. I directed him to form immediately behind my men. That gallant and accomplished officer was soon wounded, and the command devolved upon Gen. Pryor. The yankee fire had now nearly ceased, and but for an unfortunate blunder of Lieut. Col. Lightfoot, 5th Alabama, no further advance would have been made by them. Gen. Rodas had observed a regiment lying down in his rear and not engaged. He says as the fire was now desultory and slack, I went to the troops referred to and found they belonged to Gen. Pryor's brigade. Their officers stated that they had been halted by somebody—not General Pryor. Finding Gen. P. in a few minutes, and informed him as to their conduct, he immediately ordered them forward. Returning towards the brigade, I met Lieut. Col. Lightfoot, 6th Alabama, looking for me. Upon his telling me that the right wing of the regiment was exposed to a terrible enfilade fire; which the enemy was enabled to deliver by their gaining somewhat upon Anderson (Gen. G. B.) I ordered him to hasten back and throw his right wing back and out of the old road referred to. Instead of executing the order he moved bravely to the rear of the regiment, and gave command, "Sixth Alabama—about face; forward, march." Major Holston, of the 5th, seeing this, asked him if the order was intended for the whole brigade; be-

Capt. Carter says: "The next movement of the enemy was to advance a heavy column on the extreme right bearing down on what I supposed to have been the right wing of A. P. Hill's division. Our troops gave way entirely before the column. With three pieces of artillery,

Hodes' brigade, 111 killed, 289 wounded, 225 missing.
Bipley's brigade, 110 killed, 500 wounded, 124 missing.
Garland's brigade, 46 killed, 210 wounded, 187 missing.
Auderson's brigade, 43 killed, 293 wounded, 202 missing.
Colquhitt's brigade, 129 killed, 518 wounded, 184 missing.
Artillery, 4 killed, 30 wounded, 3 missing.
Total, 461 killed, 1,852 wounded, 925 missing.

Brig. Gen. Colquitt, reports in like manner N. B. Neusan, color-sergeant, J. J. Powell, W. W. Glover, H. M. James and N. B. Lane, color-guard, 6th Georgia, Corporal John Cooper, Corporal Joseph J. Wood, private G. W. Thompson, B. C. La Prade, L. B. Lammah, A. D. Simmons, W. Smith, J. M. Feltman, and J. C. Penn. Capt. Arnold, 6th Georgia regiment, who commended a battalion of skirmishers at

Miss Mary Latham and Osborne, Lieutenants Stansel, Colton, Allen, Parker, Weaver, Crawford and Bonner, Sergeant John Troutman and J. W. Shinn, Corporals J. A. Cowan and H. H. Barnes, and private J. D. Becton, of this regiment, were greatly distinguished for their courage. Private J. B. Stinson, of same regiment, acting as courier to Gen. Anderson, was wounded in three places at Sharpsburg, and there, as on every other battlefield, behaved most nobly. Col. Bennett, of the 14th North Carolina, commands Captains Jones, Freeman, Bell, Debus and Weir, Lieutenants Liles, Mitchell, Harney, Shankle, Bevers, Thuidagill, Meacham, Sergeants Jenkins, McFester, Corporal Croom, Privates McGee,

In the afternoon of the 23d, the 1st Georgia, Col. Douglas, Brown's and Hunt's batteries of four guns each, and Early's brigade crossing over, took possession of the Springs and a great bridge, taking some prisoners and incurring no risk from the rain and sudden rise of the river. Four boats were sent out for communication with the main body. In the critical situation, the skill and presence of mind of Gen. Early, was favorably displayed. It was deemed advisable not to attempt a passage at that point, but to proceed higher up the river.

By dawn, on the morning of the 26th, Gen. Early, by means of a tongsaw bridge, which had been constructed by his men, had his troops and artillery ^{sent} ^{across} on the other side.

On the 26th, there was a fierce cannonade between Gen. Hill's artillery and that of the Union army. The result is not